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Per reftel, on April 22, 2008 Embassy conveyed to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan the talking points on the position of the United States Government regarding Russia upgrading relations with Abkhazia and South Ossetia. Any substantive response will be reported septel.

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